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INAUGURAL MEETING OF CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY OPENS NEW CHAPTER IN STATE WATER POLICY

WHAT: Seven public representatives join with Cabinet Secretaries, Department Directors and Federal Agency representatives in the first meeting of the California Bay-Delta Authority. Authority members will review and adopt multi-year work plans submitted by the state and federal agencies charged with implementing the Bay-Delta Program.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, August 14

WHERE: Room 4202 (Assembly Appropriations), State Capitol, Sacramento, CA

WHO: Resources Secretary **Mary Nichols**, Food & Agriculture Secretary **William J. Lyons**, Dept. of Health Services Director **Diana Bonta**; Federal agency representatives U.S. Department of the Interior Special Assistant to Secretary for Water and Science **Jason Peltier**; former state Senators **Jim Costa** and **Patrick Johnston**; former Chief of Staff to Gov. Gray Davis **Susan Kennedy**, and *ex-officio* member **Sen. Mike Machado**

BACKGROUND:

The California Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of more than 20 state and federal agencies working with local communities to improve the quality and reliability of California's water supplies and revive the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. The Authority was created by the Legislature last year to oversee implementation of the Program, formerly known as CALFED. It is the largest, most comprehensive water management effort in the nation.

To listen to the meeting via the internet, go to the following web site and select Assembly Committee Room 4202:

http://www.sen.ca.gov/ftp/sen/_comm/ROOM_LIST_O.HTM.

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